

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Replace the first paragraph on page 2 to reflect the fact that the prior application 09/999,159 has been issued as patent number 6,780,602:

-- This is a divisional application of pending prior application Ser. No. 09/999,159 filed on November 01, 2001, now Patent No. 6,780,602, of Linda S. Powers; Walther R. Ellis, Jr; and Christopher R. Lloyd for Taxonomic Identification of Pathogenic Microorganisms and Their Toxic Proteins. --